

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Catherine Emmanuelle and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor and Andrew Werthmann.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

City Clerk Carrie Riepl administered the Oath of Office to Council Members Anderson, Berge, Christopherson, Gragert and Werthmann.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Council President Weld called for nominations for Council Vice President. Council Member Emmanuelle expressed interest in serving as Vice President. No other nominations being heard, Council President Weld declared nominations closed. Council Member Emmanuelle was elected Vice President by unanimous vote.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Council Members had previously submitted their committee preferences and a chart had been prepared. Council President Weld said in cases where more Council Members had expressed interest in a particular committee than there are positions available, the Council would vote on the membership.

There are three positions on the Advisory Committee on Appointments. According to City Code, the Council President serves on the committee by virtue of the office. Council Members Anderson, Berge and Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Werthmann withdrew from consideration. By unanimous consent, Council Members Anderson and Berge will serve on the Committee, along with Council President Weld.

There are two positions and one alternate position on the Board of Review. Council Members Anderson and Christopherson had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Emmanuelle had previously expressed interest in serving as the alternate on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Members Anderson and Christopherson will serve on the Committee and Council Member Emmanuelle will serve as the alternate on the Committee.

There is one position on the Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission. Council Members Berge and Gragert had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee.

Council Member Berge received 6 votes.

Council Member Gragert received 4 votes.

Council Member Berge will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board. Council Members Berge and Christopherson had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Berge withdrew from consideration. By unanimous consent, Council Member Christopherson will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the City / County Board of Health. Council Member Berge had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Berge will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Housing Authority Board. Council Member Lor had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Lor will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Housing Opportunities Commission. Council Members Beaton, Berge and Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Beaton and Berge withdrew from consideration. By unanimous consent, Council Member Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There are three positions on the Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives. The Council President serves on the Committee by virtue of the office. No Council Members had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Beaton and Gragert indicated interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Members Beaton and Gragert will serve on the Committee, along with Council President Weld.

There is one position on the Landmarks Commission. Council Member Klinkhammer had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Klinkhammer will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Library Board. Council Members Emmanuelle and Lor had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Emmanuelle withdrew from consideration. By unanimous consent, Council Member Lor will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Plan Commission. According to City Ordinance, Council Members appointed to the Plan Commission are to be elected by a two-thirds vote, meaning eight affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Members Christopherson and Gragert had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Members Christopherson and Gragert will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Putnam Parks Commission. Council Member Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Emmanuelle indicated interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Members Emmanuelle and Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Redevelopment Authority. Council Members appointed to the Redevelopment Authority are to be elected by a four-fifths vote, meaning nine affirmative votes of the Common Council. Council Member Berge had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Berge will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Loan Administration Board (formerly the Revolving Loan Fund Committee). Council Member Christopherson had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Christopherson will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Transit Commission. Council Member Gragert had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Gragert will serve on the Committee.

There is one position on the Utility Appeals Board. No Council Members had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Werthmann indicated interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Member Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Board. Council Member Beaton had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Christopherson and Werthmann indicated interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Christopherson withdrew from consideration. By unanimous consent, Council Members Beaton and Werthmann will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Visit Eau Claire Tourism and Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee. Council Member Lor had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Member Klinkhammer indicated interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Members Klinkhammer and Lor will serve on the Committee.

There are two positions on the Waterways and Parks Commission. Council Members Beaton, Lor and Werthmann had previously expressed interest in serving on the Committee. Council Members Lor and Werthmann withdrew from consideration. Council Member Lor reconsidered and indicated interest in serving on the Committee. By unanimous consent, Council Members Beaton and Lor will serve on the Committee.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

A drawing was held for the Council Chamber seating arrangement.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: April 20, 2021

Time: 5:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld, President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl, City Clerk

BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Council Vice President	Council Member Emmanuelle
Advisory Committee on Appointments	Council Members Weld, Anderson and Berge
Board of Review	Council Members Anderson and Christopherson Alternate: Council Member Emmanuelle
Chippewa-St. Croix Rail Commission	Council Member Berge
Chippewa Valley Innovation Center Board	Council Member Christopherson
City / County Board of Health	Council Member Berge
Housing Authority Board	Council Member Lor
Housing Opportunities Commission	Council Member Werthmann
Joint Commission on Shared Services Initiatives	Council Members Weld, Beaton and Gragert
Landmarks Commission	Council Member Klinkhammer
Library Board	Council Member Lor
Plan Commission	Council Members Christopherson and Gragert
Putnam Parks Commission	Council Members Emmanuelle and Werthmann
Redevelopment Authority Board	Council Member Berge
Loan Administration Board (Formerly Revolving Loan Fund Committee)	Council Member Christopherson
Transit Commission	Council Member Gragert
Utility Appeals Board	Council Member Werthmann
Visit Eau Claire Board	Council Members Beaton and Werthmann
Visit Eau Claire Tourism & Cultural Arts Grant Program Committee	Council Members Klinkhammer and Lor
Waterways and Parks Commission	Council Members Beaton and Lor